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CHEROKEE EYES ONLY FOR DR. BRZEZINSKI

FOL RPT MOSCOW 15427 SENT ACTION SECSTATE DTD 21 OCT 77

QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 15427

NODIS CHEROKEE

TO THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: UR, US

SUBJECT: SOVIET SOURCED RUMOR RE PRESIDENTIAL MEETING WITH  
BREZHNEV IN CONJUNCTION WITH TRIP TO POLAND

1. ON THE EVENING OF OCTOBER 20 THE YUGOSLAV POLITIKA  
CORRESPONDENT RISTZ BAJALSKI URGENTLY REQUESTED A BRIEF  
MEETING WITH OUR POLITICAL COUNSELOR. BAJALSKI, WHO  
HAS BEEN HERE A LONG TIME, HAS GOOD CONTACTS AND HAS  
OCCASIONALLY PROVIDED US WITH ACCURATE ADVANCE INFORMATION  
ON MAJOR EVENTS (E.G. TITO VISIT, THE SUPREME  
SOVIET MEETING ON THE SOVIET CONSTITUTION AND THE APPOINTMENT  
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OF KUZNETSOV AS VICE PRESIDENT), SAID HE HAD HEARD  
FROM A SOVIET SOURCE (UNNAMED) THAT THE PURPOSE OF  
GROMYKO'S HASTILY ARRANGED TRIP TO WARSAW WAS TO SET  
UP A MEETING BETWEEN BREZHNEV AND PRESIDENT CARTER  
DURING THE LATTER'S TRIP TO POLAND. BAJALSKI NOTED  
THAT THERE IS A FOREST RESORT AREA ASTRIDE THE  
POLISH-SOVIET BORDER WHERE SUCH A MEETING COULD

BE HELD ON EITHER POLISH OR SOVIET SOIL. HE  
ALSO RECALLED THAT BREZHNEV HAD ONCE MET WITH  
POMPIDOU NEAR MINSK.

2. THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR SAID HE HAD NOTHING  
TO CONFIRM THAT SUCH A MEETING WOULD BE SCHEDULED  
DURING THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO POLAND. HE NOTED  
THAT WHEN ASKED THIS QUESTION LAST FRIDAY BY THE  
AMERICAN PRESS I HAD, ON BACKGROUND, DISCOUNTED THE  
POSSIBILITY ON THE GROUNDS THAT (1) SINCE  
THE LAST SUMMIT MEETING HAD BEEN ON SOVIET SOIL,  
THE NEXT SHOULD TAKE PLACE ON US SOIL OR AT A MINIMUM  
IN A NEUTRAL COUNTRY AND, (2) THE PRESIDENT'S  
ANNOUNCED ITINERARY WAS SO CROWDED THAT IT WAS UNLIKELY  
HE COULD HOLD A SUBSTNTIVE, TIME-CONSUMING MEETING  
WITH BREZHNEV IN CONJUNCTION WITH A WARSAW VISIT.  
TOON  
UNQUOTE VANCE

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